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DNR Reports...

Fall migration is well underway now. Have you been out trying to identify those confusing fall warblers yet? If not, you better go while the birds are still moving through the state.

Fall migration is familiar to birdwatchers and ornithologists alike, but the intricacies of this phenomenon are not completely understood. The whys of migration are fairly simple. North American migratory songbirds have evolved over time to take advantage of a seasonally available food source on the North American continent in summer, then fly to the West Indies, Central and South America for our winter to take advantage of the food there. The birds that make these journeys back and forth each spring and fall are called Neotropical migrants.

It is known that most songbirds migrate at night and in eastern North America they tend to migrate towards the Atlantic Ocean. Once they approach the ocean, they apparently wait for favorable wind conditions before attempting to cross to their wintering grounds. The coastline of the mid Atlantic states, including Maryland, is a major staging area for these birds. From our coast the migrants fly nonstop to the West Indies or South America over the ocean.

It was once thought that when fall migrants reached the coast, they followed the shoreline south to Florida then crossed water to their wintering grounds. An intensive banding project in the 1960s along the Atlantic coast disproved that theory.

With banding stations set up all along the coast and thousands of migrants banded, few birds banded at northern stations were retrapped at southern ones during the same fall. The birds banded at coastal stations essentially disappeared from the North American continent following banding, not to be seen again until spring.

Very little is known about the coastal staging areas, including what types of habitats are important, are some areas more important than others, is the concentration of migrants greater right along the shoreline, how long do migrants stay at the staging areas before departing, etc.

Last fall, we participated in a four state effort to answer some of these questions. We cooperated with our counterparts in New Jersey, Delaware, and Virginia to determine the important staging areas and habitats utilized by fall Neotropical migrants from Cape May, NJ to Cape Charles, VA. Survey points were selected throughout the coastal areas of southern NJ and the Delmarva Peninsula and volunteer birdwatchers along with our staffs counted migrants at these points every weekend from early August

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Mini Lecture

Ecoregion

Man has a fascination with the idea of categorizing all aspects of his life. Everything has to have a place, an identity, a ranking. For environmentalists, this concept is not new; but with the many ways that currently exist to classify different aspects of nature, one can become lost and disoriented toward our real goal of protecting wildlife.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been working on an ecoregion approach in classifying like regions of the country. The hypothesis is that the waterways of an area can characterize the watershed or the land they drain. This means that a particular ecoregion would have the same physical habitat, hydrology, fish, insect, plant, and animal life. Since we are well aware of the role habitat plays in the preservation of bird populations, knowledge of this bird life in a particular ecoregion could be a helpful prediction of the type of habitat one should preserve to expand niches for specific bird populations.

The ecoregion approach could be used as a research tool as well as for policy and regulatory purposes. Since the EPA does deal with environmental issues nationwide, what better way to insure the survival of bird species nationally than to speak in terms that a regulatory agency understands: that which they develop themselves. While checklists are nice for wildlife areas and state subdivisions, wouldn't it be great to describe an ecoregion in terms of the habitat that is present, the bird populations present, and the small scale advances made with resultant long range benefits?

With a logical approach in a language that is understood by all, what regulator or politician could dispute the obvious: habitat preservation leads to species diversity and equates to environmental benefit for all.

Joseph M. Lewandowski

In Memory of Jerry Fletcher

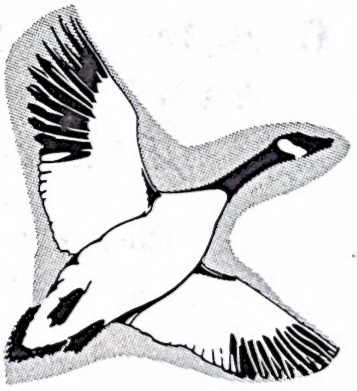
It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Jerry Fletcher. Alfred "Jerry" Jerome Fletcher of Denton died May 22, 1992 at his home.

Jerry and his wife, Roberta were charter members of the Caroline County Bird Club; the first on the Eastern Shore. They organized the first Christmas count in 1950. The Club was organized in 1951. Jerry was very active in MOS.

Jerry was also very active in his local community and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Roberta B. Fletcher and his son, Robert E. Fletcher of Denton and his family.

Irish Grove Reservations

MOS members or chapters or other individuals or groups who wish to visit Irish Grove Sanctuary and stay at the house should contact Shirley Taylor for information and to make reservations. Shirley is a member of the Wicomico Bird Club; her address and phone number are: 308 North Blvd., Salisbury, MD 21801, (410)



DNR Reports...

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through the end of October.

In Maryland, over 3200 surveys were conducted. A total of 64 volunteers (perhaps you were one) donated 2100 hours to this effort. Overall, 9319 migrants of 72 species were recorded. The most common migrants were Yellow-rumped Warbler, American Redstart, Red-eyed Vireo, Black-and-White Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, and Gray Catbird. Assateague Island supported the most birds with 3177 individuals recorded during the weekend surveys. The coastline of mainland Worcester Co. was the next in total numbers with 2168, followed by Taylors Island, Dorchester Co. (1354 birds), Tilghman Island, Talbot Co. (1245 birds), Kent Island, Queen Annes Co. (831 birds), and inland Worcester Co. (544 birds).

Although data analyses are still being performed, the results have revealed some important findings. Neotropical migrants definitely concentrate along the Atlantic coastline, especially the barrier islands such as Assateague. There seems to be even distribution of migrants along the coast of all four states. As expected, habitat associations seem to differ by species (e.g. Yellow-rumped Warblers preferring scrub, Wood Thrushes preferring woodlands).

Once all the analyses are completed, we hope to use these results to influence land use decisions relative to habitat protection for fall migrants. This fall we are conducting similar surveys along the major river drainages on the Eastern Shore.

Research like this is starting to fill in our gaps in knowledge on fall migration.

Glenn Therres

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Letters to the Editor

Several things happened during the spring of 1992 that compel me to write this. First, I received a call from Susan Robinson Bartlett from Fairfax, VA, just to tell me she'd found a perfect place for holding MOS JUNIOR NATURE CAMP. I had not heard from her for 10 years and she had not heard that JNC had not convened for the past 3 years. With 3 children of her own, one of them 9 years old, she was remembering what the camp had meant to her at that age.

The second incident came only weeks later when Alice Weiss, a visitor to Cylburn Nature Museum asked me out of the blue whether we were still holding JNC. "Everything about that weekend is still crystal clear in my mind", she said, though she did not remember me as the person in charge who, among other things, tried to get the campers quiet after lunch so that reports of the morning's activities could be shared. The leader she did remember was a "macho kind of a guy" who had led her group in a study of the mammals of the Hashawha campgrounds in Carroll County and had skinned a dead squirrel they'd found. (That description fits Mike Baker who went on to be director for the next year or two). On the strength of her eye-opening experience at age 10 she determined to become a veterinarian and now practices, with her veterinarian husband in Silver Spring. Now 34, she had her 2 sons with her, too young for JNC now, but still growing. Both these young women were sorry to hear that the 30 year tradition of the MOS JNC had been broken and agreed to support the camp when it got going again. They were serious enough about this to give me their telephone numbers.

The third factor that influenced me to write this is an article by Pete Dunne in *American Birds*, Winter 1991: *"Victor's Camp"*. Emanuel, well-known birding tour guide, established a camp in 1986, Camp Chiricahua, Arizona, for young people interested in bird study. It may be that the camp was in response to Victor's memories of having to go looking for birds by himself when he was a youngster. And it just may be that he sees the future of birding and birding tours and the well-being of the birds themselves lies in fostering the interest of the coming generations. Pete Dunne, in his characteristically personal style of writing surely proved to me that he had caught the inspiration that comes when birding with kids. Sharing ones own knowledge of the out- of-doors with children with seemingly insatiable interests has its rewards. At our own JNC it was always hard to tell who was having the most fun, the campers or the amount from all the brands of birding and nature study that we were able to cram into the schedule.

President John Malcolm has tried hard to find a way to assure the continuance of JNC. I do give him credit for that. Finding a director would go a long way to solve the problem. I myself served for 3 years and found that it was never easy, but I had worked into it slowly after having more relaxed assignments for a few years. I was able to follow excellent examples of those who had gone ahead... It was gratifying to me to see those leaders who followed me had accepted the commitment to carry out the philosophy of the camp that had been established many years before: nature study, nature study, and more nature study.

I shall always remember John Robinson, Susan's brother, when he was taking his turn as director. He had attended JNC as a boy, a teen, a college student, a student in an advanced degree program at Rutgers University. He was trying to decide whether to accept the offer of the directorship for the second year. Thinking for awhile, he said: "But Junior Nature Camp isn't **fun** anymore." He did go on to direct it the next year. He realized how much **fun** had been arranged for him all those early years and he was willing to work for its continuation at least one more year. John's back in Maryland and I'll bet he'd be willing to have a go at it again.

How long should we wait until the board sets up the framework of JNC again? When I persuaded, then president, Bob Ringler to introduce the idea of state MOS sponsorship of the JNC, I hoped it would result in a more vigorous statewide involvement in education. This kind of extended school year educational opportunity has become very popular with parents of children with growing interest in nature study. As an organization, we are involved in many worthwhile projects: the Atlas, bird counts and nest surveys, sponsorship of research projects, awarding of scholarships, support of conservation and environmental issues. Nonetheless, the absence of our Junior Nature Camp leaves a noticeable void.

Surely we have among us people willing to offer inspiration and direction to our youngsters. We need to provide a future where bird study can open the world to them. We are among the fortunate to have had it happen for us. We have a mandate to provide the structure where it can happen for the children of the present and the future. Let our new president know how important you think this is to the success of the MOS and the network of environmental organizations to which it belongs worldwide. Help him and the board to get this project started again.

Joy Wheeler

MOS Calendar — September/November 1992

Saturday, September 26

ANNUAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY. Allegany. Bird display at Country Club Mall hosted by the chapter. For further information contact Mark Weatherholt at 301-759-3696.

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Dolly Sods. Meet 7 a.m. at the Rt. 220 Park & Ride. If you plan to attend, please contact the leader, Roy Brown, at 301-724-7769.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Meyer's Station Road. Fall warblers and other migrants. Meet 7 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Emily Joyce, 410-923-6053.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Breakfast With The Birds. Light breakfast at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. Please register for breakfast with hostess Joy Wheeler, 410-825-1204, or the nature center, 410-887-1815, by September 22. Followed by a search for late migrants, possible bluebirds, possible overflight of migrating hawks. Meet 7 a.m. for breakfast, 8 a.m. for field trip, at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. The leader is Bob Stanhope, 410-472-9269.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Gambrill State Park. Searching for Gray-cheeked Thrush and lingering fall warblers. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Culler Lake in Baker Park, Frederick. The leader is Mike Welch, 301-663-3037.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Susquehanna Family Walk. (Grand)parents encouraged to bring along their (grand)children for Bald Eagles, migrant hawks, and songbirds. John Wortman (410-939-3146) will lead this two-hour walk. Meet at Susquehanna State Park picnic area at 9 a.m.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Savage Park. Enjoy flora and fauna on this paw paw search. Meet 9 a.m. at the park office & concession building. The leader is Bob Solem, 301-725-5037. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Monday, September 28

MEETING. Wicomico. "Piping Plovers on Virginia's Barrier Islands," by Bob Cross. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Tuesday, September 29

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Sixth in a series of walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Meet 9 a.m. at footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. The leader is Mac Plant, 410-532-2445.

Wednesday, September 30

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Vantage Point. Leaderless bird walk through this Columbia area. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Oliver's corner of Vantage Point Rd. and Leaftreader Way. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott at 410-461-3361.

Thursday, October 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldiers' Delight. Joint trip with Natural History Society for fringed gentians in bloom and birds. Meet 1 p.m. at Frank's Nursery and Craft Store on Reisterstown Road. The leader is Jean Worthley, 410-374-5370.

MEETING. Frederick. "Rails of Maryland," by Greg Kearns of Patuxent River State Park. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room of Frederick High School.

Friday, October 2

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "The Secret Life of Maryland Rails," by Greg Kearns. 8 p.m. at Severn River Junior High School, Arnold, MD.

Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Cape May Weekend. Peak of migration at one of North America's prime migrant traps. For details, contact the leader, Bob Augustine, at 301-933-5970.

Saturday, October 3

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Patuxent River Park Rail Boat Trip. Limited to 16 people. Reservations must be made with the leader by October 1. Meet 5:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Al Haury, 410-757-3523.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Mushrooming. Birding also allowed. Meet 8 a.m. at Timonium Park & Ride. The Leader is Paul Noell, 410-243-2652.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Sugarloaf & Lilypons. Meet 8 a.m. at Mt. Airy Park & Ride. For further information, contact Bill Kulp at 410-775-2264.

Sunday, October 4

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Southern Maryland. Explore the birds of St. Mary's Co. with local birder Bob Boxwell. Meet 6 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Kathie Lambert, 410-867-4056.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Waggoner's Gap, Pa. Sit on a mountain ridge and watch the hawks come by. Meet 7 a.m. at Timonium Park & Ride. The leader is Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Soldiers' Delight. Leader Mark Johnson (410-679-3788) will point out the birdlife and unique flora in the serpentine barren habitat. Meet 7 a.m. at Joppatowne Shopping Center, US Rt. 40 and Joppa Farm Road.

Tuesday, October 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Seventh in a series of walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Meet 9 a.m. at footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. The leader is Peggy Bohanan, 410-728-3048.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Migration Patterns and Identification of Fall Hawks," by Rik Blom, 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Thursday, October 8

MEETING. Montgomery. "Natural Life of the Northern Rocky Mountains," by Mark Garland, Audubon Naturalist Society Senior Naturalist. 8 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Saturday-Monday, October 10-12

MOS LISTERS' TRIP. Shorebirds and waterfowl all along the Delmarva Peninsula. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Ringler, at 410-549-6031.

Saturday, October 10

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Town Hill Hawk Watch. Meet 9 a.m. at Mason's Barn Park & Ride.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick, Lilypons. Late shorebirds, early waterfowl, possible Merlin. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Culler Lake in Baker Park, Frederick. The leader is Bill DuBell, 301-845-8542.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Point Lookout. Migration hotspot on western shore of Chesapeake Bay. Raptors, early waterfowl, migrant landbirds. Meet 8 a.m. at the Coast Guard Building at the point. The leader is Paul O'Brien, 301-424-6491.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel. The leaders are Carol and Donald Broderick, 410-742-8920.

Tuesday, October 13

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Eighth in a series of walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Meet 9 a.m. at footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. The leader is Patsy Perlman, 410-466-3998.

Thursday, October 15

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Turf Valley. Leaderless walk through woods and fields. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at signpost on Pebble Beach Drive. For further information , contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Friday, October 16

MEETING. Caroline. "Recent Changes on Maryland's Bird Population" by Sam Droge, Caroline County Public Library, Denton, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

MOS REFUGE WORK WEEKEND. Mill Creek Sanctuary. For details, contact Dotty Mumford, 410-849-8336.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Phoenix. Easy walking trip for beginning to intermediate land birders. Meet 9 a.m. at Phoenix Pond parking lot. For further information, contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Otter Point Creek. Canoe trip led by Frank Marsden (410-836-1264) and Mark Johnson for possible Northern harrier, Laughing Gull, Bald Eagle, and Marsh Wren. Canoes limited—make reservations by October 14th (or BYO). Meet 7 a.m. at Melvin Bosely Conservancy, end of Perry Avenue in Edgewood.

Sunday, October 18

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Waggoner's Gap, PA. Migrating hawks and landbirds. Meet 8 a.m. at Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Sally Rose, 410-647-4519.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Lake Bird walk. Four leaders with scopes look for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and sparrows. Co-sponsored by Howard County Parks and Recreation. Meet 8 a.m. at west end lot off Centennial Road. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Cedar Lane Habitat Walk. Meet 1 p.m. at park office. Co-sponsored by Howard County Parks and Recreation. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Saturday, October 24

MEETING. Allegany. Annual dinner at Hotel Gunter in Frostburg. "My African Birding Trip," by John Willetts. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. For reservations or further information, please contact Mary Minnick at 301-722-2436.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lilypons and Monument Knob. Sparrows and slight possibility of Loggerhead Shrikes at Lilypons; migrating hawks at the Knob. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Park & Ride at east end of I-70. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Clean-up Frederick County. Trash pick-up mixed with a little birding in a trashy part of Frederick County. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Culler Lake Baker Park, Frederick. For further information, contact the leader, Mike Welch, at 301-663-3037.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Waggoner's Gap. All-day hawkwatch near Carlisle, PA, led by Charlie Gant; coordinator is Bill McIntosh (410-734-6517). Meet 6:30 a.m. at Marywood Park & Ride, US Rt. 1 bypass and MD Rt. 24. Bring lunch, seat cushion, and blanket. Rain date is Sunday, October 25.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Hawk Watch and Rockburn Branch Park. Meet 10:00 a.m. at tennis courts off Montgomery Road. Bring a chair or blanket and your lunch. The leader is Ralph Geuder. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Sunday, October 25

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Northampton Furnace Trail. Late fall migrants and recently arrived winter resident songbirds. Winter Wren possible, White-throated Sparrows or Juncos very likely. Possible hawk flight. Meet 8 a.m.. For further information, contact the leader, Joy Wheeler, at 410-825-1204.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Lake Bird walk. Four leaders with scopes look for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and sparrows. Co-sponsored by Howard County Parks and Recreation. Meet 8 a.m. at west end lot off Centennial Road. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Monday, October 26

MEETING. Wicomico. "Distribution and Abundance of Neotropical Migrants on the Delmarva and Cape May Peninsulas," by Jim McCann, Department of Natural Resources. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Tuesday, October 27

MEETING. Washington. "Bald Eagles of Maryland," by Glenn Therres. 7:30 p.m. at Funkstown Elementary School.

Friday, October 30

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Swansfield School. Leaderless bird walk through woods to the river. Meet 8:30 a.m. at corner of Rock Coast Rd. and Cedar Lane. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Saturday, October 31

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Shawnee State Park. Scoping for waterfowl. Meet 9 a.m. at Parkside School. Lunch afterward at Jean Bonnet Restaurant.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Hawk Mountain, PA. Meet 7 a.m. at Timonium Park & Ride. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Waggoner's Gap., PA. Joint trip with Audubon Naturalist Society to a prime raptor migration site. Golden Eagles very likely. For reservations and further details, contact the leader, Kerrie Kirkpatrick, at 703-560-4950.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Chincoteague NWR. The leaders are Chandra and Douglas Bruce, 410-957-3765.

Sunday, November 1

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Lake Bird walk. Four leaders with scopes look for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and sparrows. Co-sponsored by Howard County Parks and Recreation. Meet 8 a.m. at west end lot off Centennial Road. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Tuesday, November 3

MEETING. Baltimore. "Waterfowl in Maryland," by Bob Ringler. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

Thursday, November 5

MEETING. Frederick. "Ecology and Birds of Chincoteague," by Kent Minichiello. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room of Frederick High School.

Friday, November 6

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Birds & Mammals in the Aleutian Islands," by Doug Forsell. 8 p.m. at Severn River Junior High School.

DINNER MEETING. Harford. Program TBA. 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, Churchville. Contact Jean Fry at 410-452-8539.

Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8

MOS REFUGE WORK WEEKEND. Irish Grove. For further information, contact Dotty Mumford, 410-849-8336.

Saturday, November 7

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Town Hill. Meet 8 a.m. at Mt. Airy Park & Ride. For further information, contact Bill Kulp at 410-775-2264.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Blackwater NWR. Meet 6:30 a.m. at Culler Lake in Baker Park, Frederick. The leader is Linda Keller, 301-834-7312.

Sunday, November 8

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Lake Bird walk. Four leaders with scopes look for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and sparrows. Co-sponsored by Howard County Parks and Recreation. Meet 8 a.m. at west end lot off Centennial Road. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Wednesday, November 11

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Violette's Lock. Late migrants, winter birds. Meet 9 a.m. in lock parking lot. The leader is Willem Maane, 301-229-1628.

Thursday, November 12

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Wilde Lake. Leaderless walk around Wilde Lake for migrating waterfowl. Meet 8:30 a.m. at boat dock. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

MEETING. Montgomery. "The Passenger Pigeon: Reasons for its Extinction," by David Blockstein, Executive Director, Committee for the National Institutes for the Environment. 8 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac.

Saturday, November 14

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Local Ponds. Meet 8 a.m. at Parkside School.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run Park. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Piney Run Park. Meet 8 a.m. at the park. For further information, contact Bill Kulp at 410-775-2264.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Hydrilla Boat Trip on the Potomac. Thousands of dabbling and diving ducks in Maryland waters; Bald Eagles. Explore hotspots starting at Piscataway Creek in open-top boat. Limited to 7 participants. For further information or to make reservations, contact the leader, John Bjerke, 301-963-8525.

Wednesday, November 18

MEETING. Allegany. "The Geology of the Sideling Hill Road Cut," by Robert W. Twigg. 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Bldg., Cumberland.

Friday, November 20

MEETING. Caroline. "Birds of Alaska" by Bob Ringer. Caroline County Public Library, Denton, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 21

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Sandy Point State Park. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Hal Wierenga, 410-647-7439.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Blackwater NWR. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Black Hill Regional Park. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Culler Lake in Baker Park, Frederick. The leader is Helen Horrocks, 301-831-6315.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Cape May. Afternoon/evening trip with optional overnight stay to Sunday morning. Orange-crowned Warbler, Short-eared Owl, and Northern Goshawk possible. Meet at noon at the US Rt. 40 Ames, between Havre de Grace and Aberdeen. Trip leader is Les Eastman at 410-734-6969.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Columbia Lakes. Visit all of Columbia's lakes to search for migrating waterfowl. Meet at the Centennial concession stand at 8:00 a.m.. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Blackwater NWR. Waterfowl by the thousands; Canada and Snow Geese, Tundra Swans; Bald Eagles; Brown-headed Nuthatches. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Bowie Park & Ride or 9 a.m. at the refuge visitor center. The leader is Gary Nelson, 301-897-8916.

Sunday, November 22

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Conowingo Dam. Meet 8 a.m. at Owings Mills Metro Station. For further information, contact Bill Kulp at 410-775-2264.

Monday, November 23

MEETING. Wicomico. "Black Skimmers," by Dave Brinker, Department of Natural Resources. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Tuesday, November 24

MEETING. Washington. "Birding Optics—What You Should Know," by Phil Davis. 7:30 p.m. at Funkstown Elementary School.

Friday, November 27

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Centennial Park. Leaderless walk around Centennial Lake. Meet at west end lot off Centennial Lane at 8:30 a.m.. For further information, contact Bonnie Ott, 410-461-3361.

Sunday, November 29

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Lilypons & Oland Road. Winter sparrows, raptors, waterfowl, Horned Larks. Snow Buntings, longspurs, and Loggerhead Shrike are possible. Reservations are required. Contact the leader, Gail MacKiernan, at 301-593-7334.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Deal Island. The leader is Polly Batchelder, 410-651-0982.

Pelagic Trip Spaces Available

For those who attended the Convention and were disappointed by the weathering-out of the pelagic trip, or others just interested in seeing marine birds and mammals, space is still available on the December 5, 1992 pelagic trip out of Ocean City. Sailing on the tremendous O.C. Princess, this trip is at an excellent time of year for jaegers, Manx Shearwater, Red Phalarope, and early alcids. Contact Gene Scarpulla, Atlantic Seabirds, 7906-B Knollwood Rd., Towson, MD 21286, 410-821-0575.

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